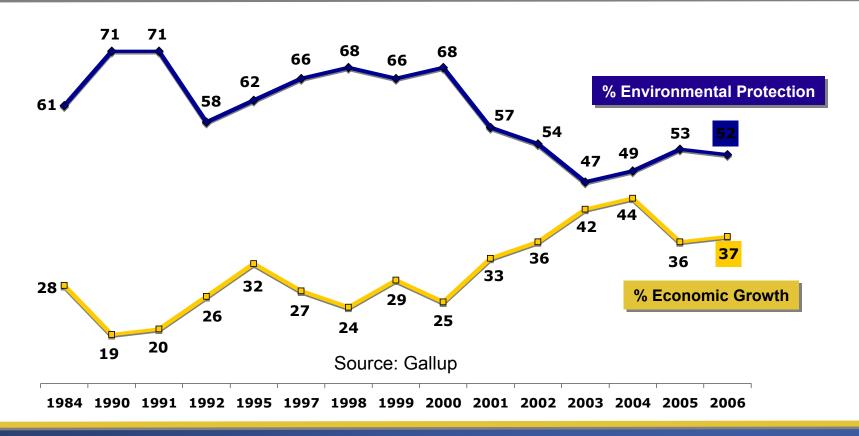
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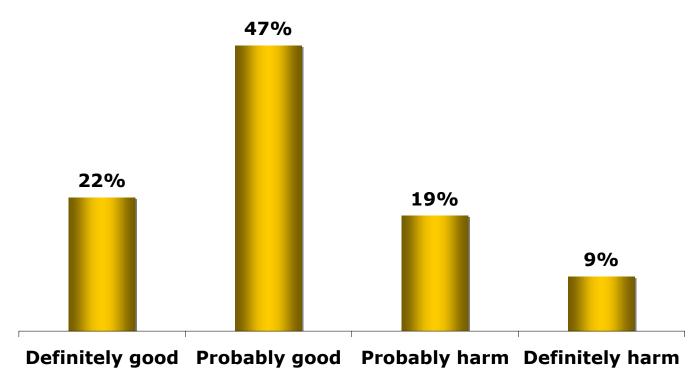
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Over the last 20 years, more Americans have said environmental protection is a higher priority than economic growth when the two are pitted against each other.



With which one of these statements about the environment do you most agree: protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth (or) economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent?

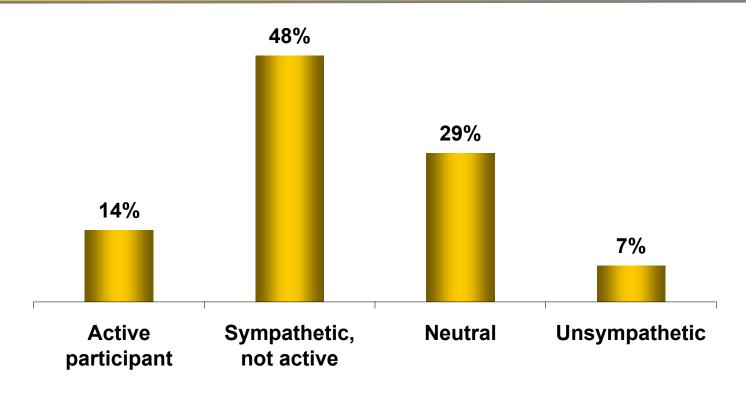
Seven out of ten Americans think the environmental movement has definitely or probably done more good than harm . . .



Source: Gallup, March 2005

All things considered, do you think the environmental movement in this nation has done more good than harm, or more harm than good? Would you say it has done definitely more good than harm, probably more harm than good, or definitely more harm than good?

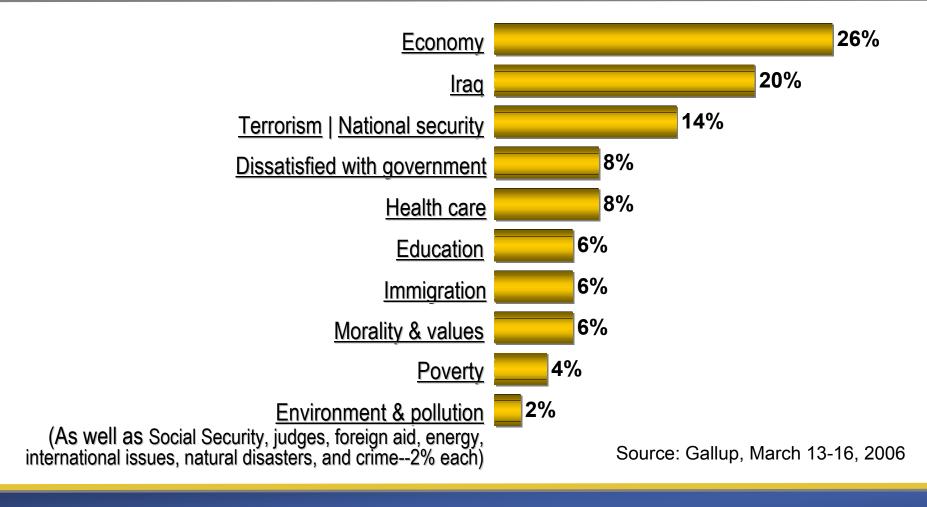
. . . and three-fifths of Americans say they are either active participants or sympathetic to the movement.



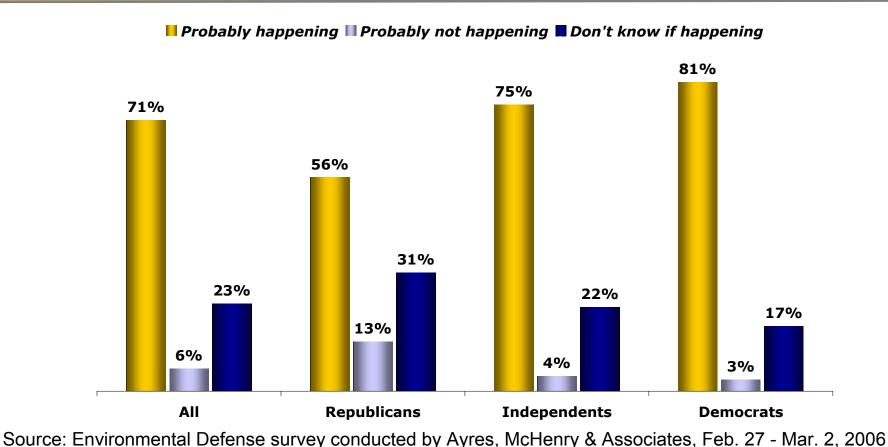
Source: Gallup, March 13-16, 2006

Thinking specifically about the environmental movement, do you think of yourself as an active participant in the environmental movement, sympathetic towards the movement but not active, neutral, or unsympathetic towards the environmental movement?

But pitted against other broad concerns, the environment consistently ranks at the bottom of the list of "problems."

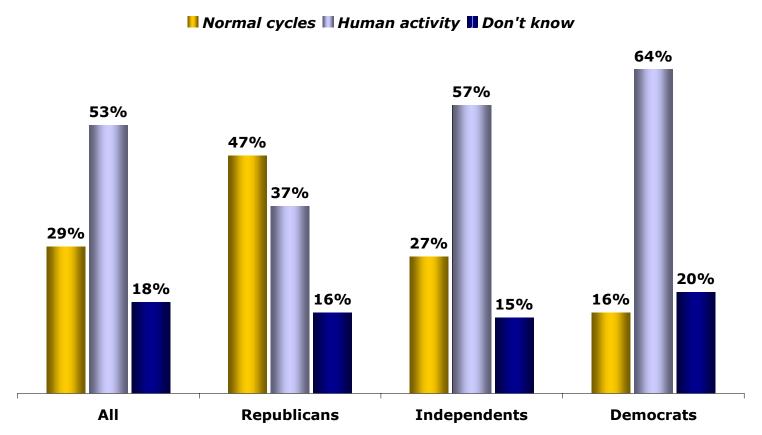


Environmentalists have won the argument on the existence of global warming . . .

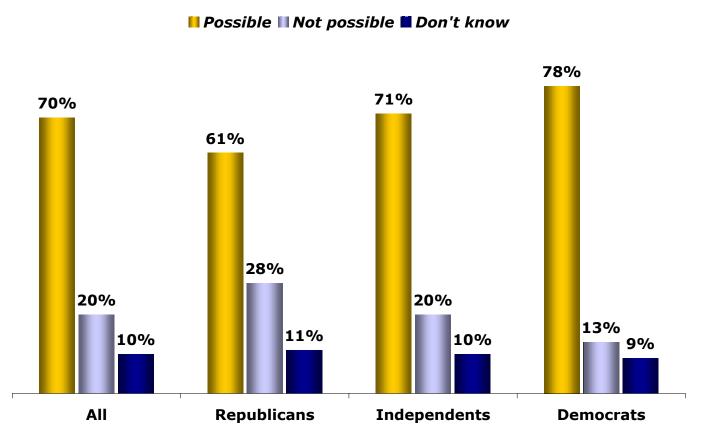


Which statement comes closest to your view about global warming; it probably is happening, it probably is not happening, or I don't know if it is happening?

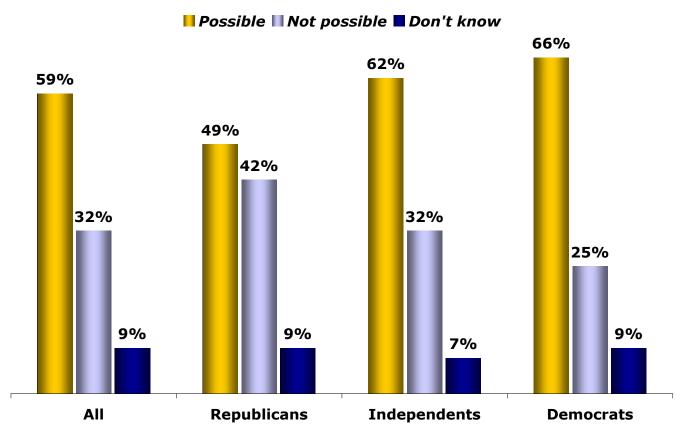
. . . and a majority of Americans think it is due more to human activity than to normal cycles in the Earth's environment.



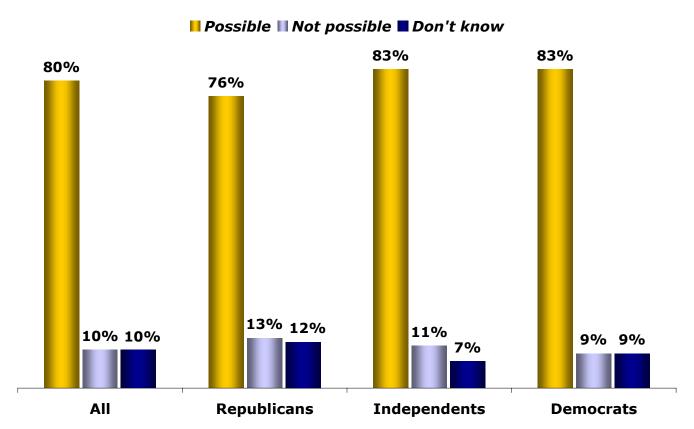
Americans of all political persuasions think it is possible to reduce the effects of global warming . . .



. . . and they think it is possible as individuals to do something about it.

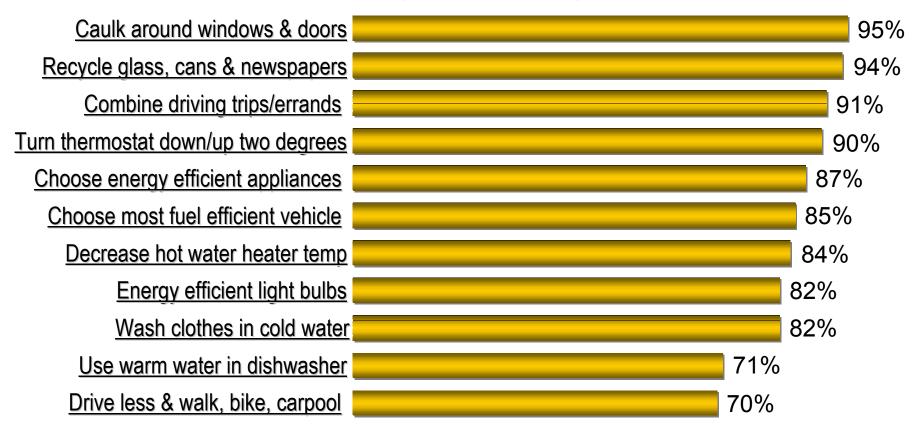


Overwhelmingly, Americans think it is possible to reduce greenhouse gases that come from burning fossil fuels . . .



. . . and they say they are willing to take steps to help.

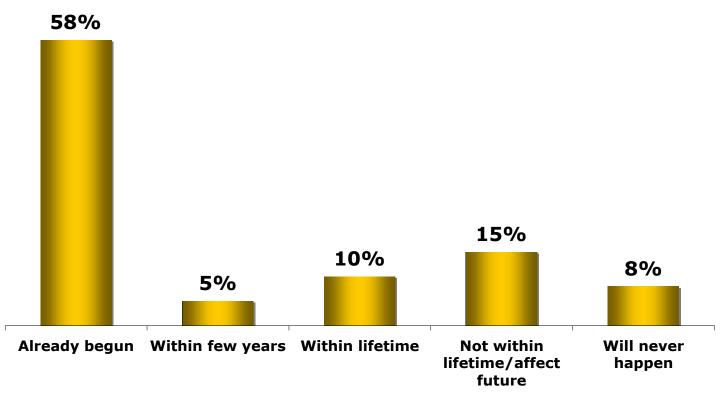
Ranked by Percent "Willing"



Source: Environmental Defense survey conducted by Ayres, McHenry & Associates, Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2006

Most people are willing to do some things but not others to save energy. How about you? Would you be willing or not willing to do each of the following to save energy and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases that are released by the burning of fossil fuels:

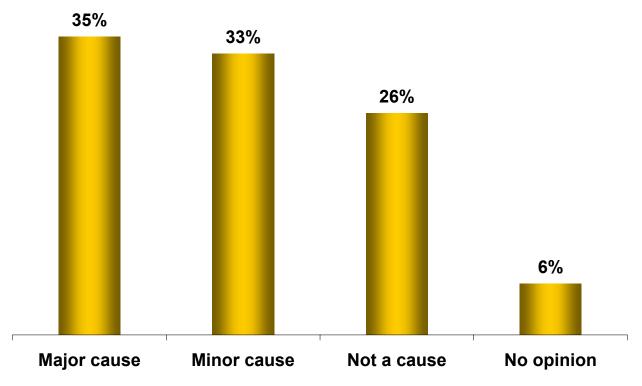
Nearly six in ten of Americans think the effects of global warming have already started; less than one in ten think the effects will never happen . . .



Source: Gallup, March 13-16, 2006

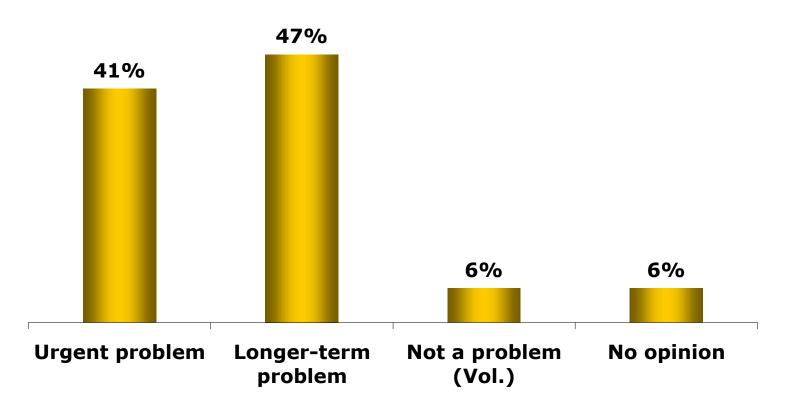
Which of the following statements reflects your view of when the effects of global warming will begin to happen: they have already begun to happen, they will start happening within your lifetime, they will not happen within your lifetime, but they will affect future generations, (or) they will never happen?

... and one-third of Americans think global warming is a major cause of increasing strength of hurricanes, while just one-fourth think it is not a cause.



Source: Gallup, March 13-16, 2006

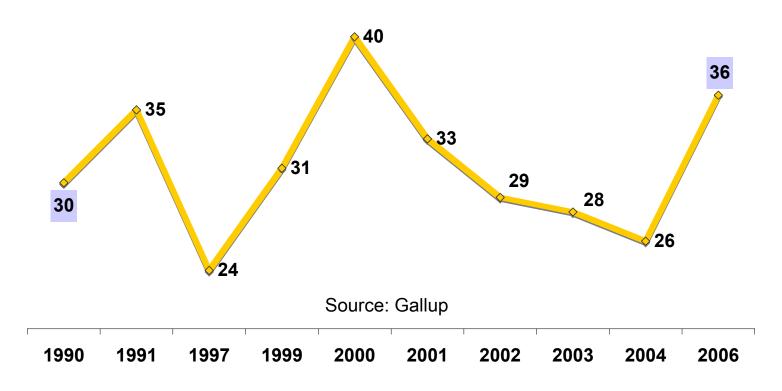
Four out of ten Americans view global warming as an urgent problem . . .



Source: ABC News/Washington Post, September 23-27, 2005

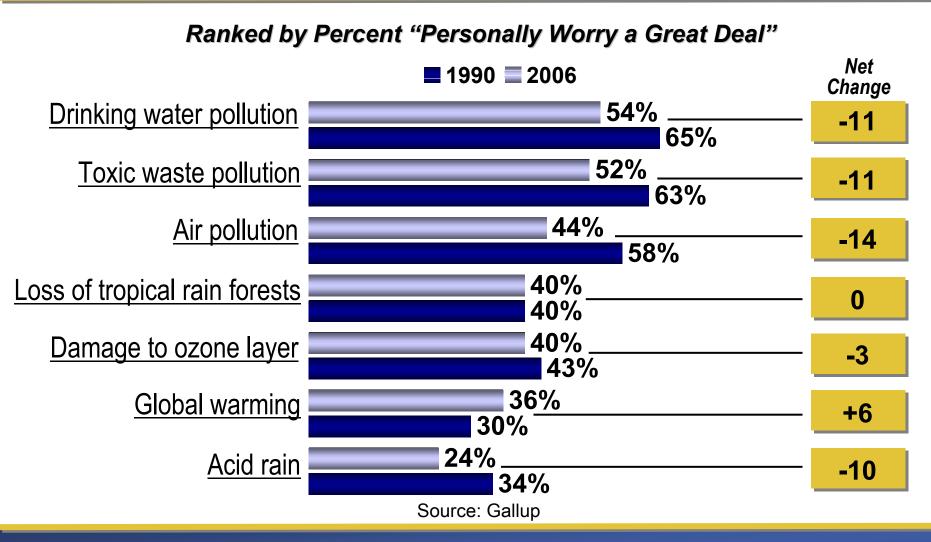
. . . and concern about global warming has begun to rise again after falling since 2000.

Percent who "personally worry a great deal"



I'm going to read you a list of environmental problems. As I read each one, please tell me if you personally worry about this problem a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all. First, how much do you personally worry about the "greenhouse effect" or global warming?

Global warming is one of the few environmental issues where concern is up from 16 years ago.



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